

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Petition for Extension of Time, and corresponding extension of time fee, for a two-month extension of time.

Claims 1 and 2 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. The claims have not been amended by the present Amendment.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 7,152,723 in view of Koga (U.S. Patent No. 4,884,667).

Applicant submits that the claimed invention of claims 1 and 2 is clearly distinguishable from the claimed invention of U.S. Patent No. 7,152,723 (taken alone or in combination with Koga). However, merely in an effort to speed prosecution, and to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicant concurrently files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 2, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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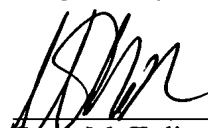
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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